GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department- Kharif 2020 season- Agriculture Activities during the COVID – 19 Lockdown period – Certain orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 368 Dated: 16-05-2020.

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ORDER:

On the background of Covid-19 lockdown, Government of India as well as Government of Andhra Pradesh has issued orders allowing free movement of agriculture produce, manufacturing, distribution and retail of agriculture inputs, sale of various agriculture machinery and equipment etc. It was made explicitly clear that various agriculture operations like harvesting; post harvesting, processing etc., should not be hampered.

2. In the light of ensuing Kharif, 2020 season, the District Administration should ensure unrestricted pre-sowing activities, movement of labourers, transport and sale of seeds, fertilizers and other machineries. Looking at the limited time available for all these activities, Government after careful examination, hereby issue the following orders:-

i. There will be free movement of agriculture/horticulture produce, manufacturing, distribution and retail of agriculture/horticulture inputs, sale of various agriculture machinery and equipment etc., across the state without any restrictions except in the Containment areas.
ii. The District Administration should ensure unrestricted pre-sowing activities, movement of agricultural labourers, transport and sale of seeds and fertilizers and other machineries.
iii. All shops for sale / repair of agriculture machinery and equipment as well as sale of seed, Fertilizers and pesticides and other agri inputs will be kept open from 7am to 7pm to avoid over crowding in the shops.
iv. The District Administration should facilitate free movement of agriculture labourers and related department officials. The passes issued by the local Agricultural authorities /Horticulture (MAO/HO) should be accepted by the police. The draft pass is annexed to this order.
v. All the wholesale mandis for fruits and vegetables shall be functional 24/7. These mandis shall be only outside Containment Zones.
vi. Sowing of Paddy and vegetables etc., are the labour intensive activities. The guidelines of social distancing, sanitization and wearing masks should be followed by all involved in the agriculture operations.

P.T.O.

3. All the District Collectors in the State are therefore, to take further necessary action to implement the above orders, scrupulously.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (AGRI)

To
All the District Collectors in the State.
Copy to
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Horticulture & Sericulture, Guntur.
The Commissioner of Agriculture Marketing, Guntur.
All the SP's/CP's.
PS to Additional Secretary to Chief Minister.
PS to Hon'ble Minister (Agrl).
PS to Chief Secretary.
PS to Spl. CS, Agri & Coop. Dept.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

Annexure to G.O.Rt.No. 368, Agri. & Coop. (Agri-IV) Dept., dt:16.05.2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

COVID-19

PASS FOR ESSENTIAL FARM SERVICES & AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED OPERATIONS

1. Name of the Farmer/Labour/Technicians:.....
2. Movement From.....To.....
3. Vehicle No.....
4. Mobile No:.....
5. Adhar No.(Optional):.....
6. Agriculture operations/ Services: Enclosed herewith.

MAO/ADA/DDA/JDA
Mandal/Division/District & Stamp

Signature of the Farmer/ Agril.labour/ Technicians

Agriculture operations/Services:

- Procurement centers for sale of Agriculture/ Horticulture/produce.
- Purchase of Seeds/ Fertilizers/ Pesticides at dealer premises
- For purchase of Farm implements, Farm machinery, repairs, maintenance of farm machinery, PP sprayers & tools.
- Land preparations/ Nursery preparation/ Nursery management/ Sowing & Transplantations/ Weeding/intercultural operations
- Application of Fertilizers/ FYM/ PP Sprayings
- Irrigation operations like sprinkler, drip & furrow
- Visit to banks for credits/ loaning/ repayments
- Rodent management
- Harvesting/ Threshing / Produce Transport of Agricultural/ Horticultural for marketing & storage
- Purchase of petrol /diesel for tractors/ sprayers
- Seed processing/ movement/ storage.